



Washington State Health Care Authority
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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T), the agency directors of the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA) and the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Beta Blockers

carvedilol (Coreg ®) *
atenolol
propranolol HCL
pindolol
metoprolol tartrate
timolol maleate
nadolol

* Subject to expedited prior authorization for congestive heart failure.

Each agency will implement the Beta Blocker class according to its benefit structure on April 1, 2005. The Department of Labor and Industries (LNI) does not cover this class of drugs.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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